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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 1192

STAFFDEL DEHAAN/TINKER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (DEHAAN/TINKER)

SUBJECT: STAFFDEL DEHAAN/TINKER

REF: A) STATE 193763

B) BANGKOK 1190

1. ACTING CHEF DE CABINET OF LPDR FOREIGN MINISTRY  
SOUKTHAVONE KEOLA QUERIED ME EVENING AUGUST 17 ABOUT THE ARRIVAL  
AND DEPARTURE TIMES OF THE STAFFDEL AND SPECIFICALLY ABOUT  
WHEN THEY WOULD DEPART FOR HANOI. THERE IS AT LEAST  
A FIFTY-FIFTY CHANCE THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM VIETNAMESE  
WHO ARE IN VERY CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE LPDR FOREIGN  
MINISTRY OR THROUGH THE INSECURE LOCAL TELEPHONE  
SYSTEM ON WHICH RASANAYAGAM HAD CALLED BOTH ME AND  
THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY ABOUT THE SRV "UNREADINESS"  
TO RECEIVE STAFFDEL.

2. THEREFORE, I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD LEARNED SHORTLY  
BEFORE 1700 HOURS THAT THE STAFFDEL TRAVEL TO HANOI  
WAS IN QUESTION BUT THAT I HAD NO INDICATION OF  
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ANY CHANGE IN THEIR PLANS TO VISIT VIENTIANE.

3. THE LAO HAVE AGREED TO THE STAFFDEL VISIT AND  
THEY ARE A BIT SENSITIVE WHEN OUTSIDERS APPEAR TO  
MAKE THEM PLAY "SECOND FIDDLE" TO THEIR CLOSE FRIENDS  
THE VIETNAMESE. THEREFORE, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT IN  
ORDER TO AVOID PREJUDICE TO ANY FUTURE CONTACTS THE

COMMITTEE MAY WISH TO HAVE WITH THE LPDR THAT THE  
STAFFDEL GO THROUGH WITH THE AUGUST 19-20 VISIT TO  
VIENTIANE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.  
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